

Information Technology Commodity Council

The Information Technology Commodity Council, part of the Enterprise Sourcing Group, is located at Maxwell Air Force Base, Gunter Annex, Ala. The mission of the Council is to develop information technology commodity strategies to shape commodity management behavior, leverage Air Force buying power, reduce the total cost of ownership for commercial information technology products and services, improve information technology infrastructure for cyberspace operations, and improve warfighting capabilities.

History

The Air Force Chief Information Officer and Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition established the ITCC in July 2003 to develop information technology buying, acquisition, life-cycle management strategies, and to transition the Air Force from “tactical” to “strategic” buying. The ITCC incorporated the major buying strategy pillars of E-procurement with AFWay, United States Air Force “Mainstream” configurations, Major Command co-operative buying, technology refreshment, and leveraged spending with tiered pricing/spot bids. Life cycle strategy pillars included Air Force Software Image Management, planned 3-4 year lifecycles, centralized program objective memorandum and Air Force funding of Enterprise SW licenses, Disposition Planning and services, Asset Tagging and Electronic Data Capture.

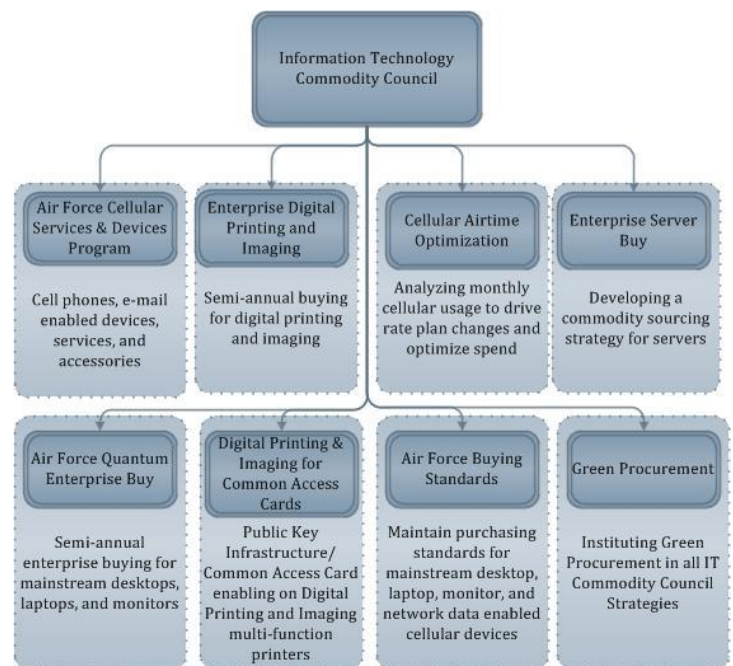
Goals

The goals of the ITCC are:

- Demonstrate measurable reduced “Total” information technology cost
- Develop strategies to leverage United States Air Force spending through socio-economic and commodity support strategies
- Achieve technical compliance
- Adopt technical standards
- Minimize number of hardware & software configurations

- Ensure alignment between Air Force policy & commodity strategy
- Incentivize and enable Information Technology Commodity Council strategy compliance
- Achieve stakeholder buy-in and utilization of ITCC strategy
- Achieve adequate competition among strategic industry partners
- Rationalize the vendor base to obtain top performing vendors, highest quality products, at the best value for each commodity category
- Continue to foster small business
- Reduce the number of redundant contracts per vendor

The ITCC has identified several strategic sourcing projects (known as “spirals”) that have been or will be initiated over the next several years.



Industry Impact

Strategic sourcing produces substantial savings, high-quality business class products, and convenience for end users. In addition, there are significant “soft savings” realized including, standardization, green procurement, improved software license management, improved security, reduction of support staff due to fewer issues, and

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reduction in the time required to purchase IT equipment.

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